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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL

1. THE STAR FIRE (ALSO LISTED AS BALENBOUCHE) OF PANAMA-
NIAN REGISTRY WAS SEIZED JANUARY 29 WITH APPROXIMATELY TEN
TONS OF MARIJUANA. VESSEL WAS IN THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND
IN U.S. TERRITORY. THE SEIZURE WAS CULMINATION OF JOINT
OPERATION BY COAST, GUARD, CUSTOMS AND DEA. EMBASSY PANAMA
SHOULD INFORM GOP OF SEIZURE. STORY HAS BEEN CARRIED ON
AP WIRE SERVICE.

2. ARRESTED WERE FIVE U.S. CITIZENS AND COLOMBIAN, CREW

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OF ABOUT FIFTEEN. DEA IS PASSING NAMES AND OTHER INFORMA-

TION TO COL. ALBERTO CASTRO, THE F-2 REPRESENTATIVE AT
COLOMBIAN EMBASSY. INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THE OPERATION
WILL ALSO BE PASSED TO DEA OFFICE IN BOGOTA FOR APPROPRIATE
FOLLOW UP. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO USE INFORMATION IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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